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To: Consumers, providers and stakeholders who support individuals with disabilities
From: Peter Bisbecos, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
Re: **Moving Individuals Receiving Waiver Services from Annual Plan to Uniform Rates**
Date: July 6, 2009

Reminder: Friday, March 13, 2009 the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) suspended the rollout of the Objective Assessment System for Individual Supports (OASIS). The release of allocations under OASIS remains under temporary suspension until further notice and information will continue to be released as it becomes available.

This bulletin contains information from DDRS regarding the statewide implementation of Uniform Rates for Home and Community Based Services Medicaid waivers and service planning for November 2009 forward. If you have questions or concerns after reviewing the information, please contact us through one of the resources listed at the end of this bulletin.

UNIFORM RATES

Although the use of the OASIS allocation is temporarily suspended, DDRS must continue the process of moving from Annual Plan Rates to Uniform Rates. On January 1, 2009, individuals began using Uniform Rates at the time of their annual renewal dates. This process will continue so that every consumer receiving waiver services has a plan using Uniform Rates by October 1, 2009, with some consumers transitioning early to meet this deadline.

SERVICE PLANNING FOR NOVEMBER 2009 FORWARD

DDRS has verified that current consumers with an annual plan renewal date in both November 2009 and December 2009 have OASIS service planners on file. The chart on the next page provides detailed information to assist in planning for the move to Uniform Rates for consumers with annual renewal dates in November and December.



IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFORM RATES BY OCTOBER 1, 2009

The information in this chart applies to consumers on the Developmental Disabilities (DD), Autism (AU), or Support Services (SSW) waivers. *The SSW waiver individual cap remains at \$13,500 per year.*

Waiver consumers with annual renewal dates in November 2009	<p>Beginning October 1, 2009 all consumers in waiver services will use Uniform Rates. For this to happen, consumers with annual renewal dates in November will have to transition one month before their annual renewal date.</p> <p>October is the final month of the current year's plan for consumers with annual renewal dates in November. Therefore, in the month of October 2009, these consumers will use Uniform Rates instead of Annual Plan Rates.</p> <p>For this to occur, DDRS will apply Uniform Rates to the consumer's current plan for October based upon the services that are written on the consumer's current Notice of Action (NOA).</p> <p>DDRS will re-send current NOAs no later than July 10, 2009. The NOA will verify the services to be converted for the month of October 2009.</p> <p>The conversion to Uniform Rates will occur by July 31, 2009, with DDRS releasing new NOAs. IPMG Case Managers will have from August to October 2009 to update any plan discrepancies.</p>
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PLANNING JANUARY 2010 FORWARD

Uniform Rates continue to be in effect statewide for all consumers on DD, AU, and SSW waivers. Additional information will be forthcoming. At a reminder, the chart of Uniform Rates released in January 2009 is posted in the DDRS archive online at:

http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/DDRS_Chart_of_HBCS_Waiver_Svcs_Rates_0109.pdf.

If you have questions or concerns the following resources are available to assist you:

General questions or concerns regarding the OASIS initiative or the use of Uniform Rates:

OASIS-ICAP Help Lines: (317) 234-5222 or 1-888-527-0008

Email: OASIS-ICAPHelp@fssa.in.gov

DDRS Website: www.ddrs.IN.gov

OASIS Bulletin Archive: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/3350.htm>

Consumer specific questions or concerns regarding your annual renewal process, contact your case manager or the IPMG Help Line:

IPMG Toll Free Phone: 1-866-672-4764, extension 261

Website: www.gotoipmg.com

Thank you.

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